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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--May 1985

I. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. After a temporary lull in the fighting, the Gulf war experienced a major escalation when Iraq, in announced retaliation for the 25 May assassination attempt on the Kuwaiti amir, resumed air raids on significant targets in Iran. According to military communiques carried by Iraqi media, among the targets were the oil terminal on Khark Island, as well as Bandar e-Khomeyni, Ilam, and Tehran. Arab press comment on the intensified raids highlights the possibility that Iran may at last be driven to the negotiating table.

2. Toward the end of the month, the bureau made a fortuitous and important breakthrough by locating two new frequencies: 684 khz for Baghdad Voice of the Masses and 2992.5 for Damascus SANA in Arabic. With the new frequency, the Baghdad radio is now received with good reception almost around the clock on mediumwave 684, 1377, and 1035 khz, alongside the shortwave frequencies. Our reception of SANA, which had been poor and plagued by keying problems for years, is now good on the new frequency during all of the agency's transmission periods.

3. The chief monitor, with the assistance of editors and monitors, is compiling a detailed list of Sudanese political parties and professional organizations together with their accounted leaders. Once the list is in final form, we will be forwarding copies to Headquarters, the BBC, and area field bureaus as a reference tool in attempting to sort out the likely power groups in the new government.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

At the end of April, Headquarters approved payment of 25% shift disturbance premium pay for hours worked between 1600 and 2400 for the Bureau's foreign national employees in place of the former 15% night differential. This long-sought improvement in the Bureau's compensation plan came as a result

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on the Bureau's receive line, made the upgrade highly desirable. The upgrade, along with technical changes in the operation of the pony line circuit, use of AIGs, and some reduction in the number of lateral services received on the circuit, is expected to eliminate the backlog problem.

C. Lateral Services

1. On 9 April, the Bureau received a letter of appreciation from DCM Edward Gnehm for its heads up reporting on the new Jordanian Council of Ministers, which was used for briefing the desk officer in the Department before the news hit the wire services. In his letter, Mr. Gnehm expressed particular gratitude to senior monitor [redacted] for the time he took to talk about some of the new ministers--information that he found "most helpful."

2. The printer on the pony line in the Embassy Political Section was adjusted during Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's visit to Amman 4-7 April to provide extra copies of materials of interest. The chief of the section advised the bureau that FBIS materials were included in "briefing packages" for the Murphy party and expressed his personal thanks for the service.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

The Embassy completed a salary change survey of the local economy and cabled the results to State/PER/FSN at mid-month. State is studying the results of the survey and has promised a response on possible changes in the local wage scale in the near future.

III. VISITS

A. From the Bureau

Bureau chief [redacted] to Washington, 5-24 April, for the annual Bureau Chiefs Conference.

B. To the Bureau

1. Under Secretary of State for Management Ronald Spiers,

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of a local survey conducted by Headquarters officers in January and went into effect with the pay period beginning 12 May.

III. VISITS

From the Bureau

STAT Bureau chief [redacted] traveled to Gulf Bureau on TDY 7-15 May.

To the Bureau

STAT 1. B&F officer [redacted] 1-3 May.
STAT 2. Production Group officer [redacted] 21-27 May.
STAT 3. Production Group officer [redacted] 30 May,
during a private visit to Jordan.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

JORDAN-BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 287,990
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 44,460
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 1,182

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	6375	13830	73

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN ARABIC		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN ARABIC		
BAHRRAIN		
MANAMA WAKH IN ARABIC		
FRANCE		
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN ARABIC	10430	
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN ARABIC		2490
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC		3810
IRAQ		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN ARABIC	18610	
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN ARABIC	26600	
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	4610	
BAGHDAD INA IN ARABIC		17270
BAGHDAD INA IN ENGLISH		
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN ARABIC		
BAGHDAD AL-THAWRAH IN ARABIC		

JERUSALEM IN

ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD

6400

JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN

ARABIC

JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN

ARABIC

JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN

ARABIC

JERUSALEM AL-SHR'B IN

ARABIC

JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN

ARABIC

JORDAN

AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

19000

AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ENGLISH

210

AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN

ARABIC

3890

AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN

ENGLISH

4010

AMMAN PETRA-JNR IN

ARABIC

2320

AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN

ARABIC

6410

AMMAN RKBAR AL-USBU' IN

ARABIC

AMMAN AL-LIWA IN

ARABIC

AMMAN AL-RA'Y IN

ARABIC

AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN

ENGLISH

AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN

ENGLISH

AMMAN SAINT AL-SHA'B IN

ARABIC

7150

LEBANON

MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN

ARABIC

1800

QATAR

DOHA QNA IN

ARABIC

SUDAN

KHARTOUM SUNA IN

ARABIC

6

KHARTOUM SUNA IN

ENGLISH

40668

SYRIA

DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

46398

DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN

ARABIC

8620

DAMASCUS SANA IN

ARABIC

2670